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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, ORR

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] MS/T

THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM : Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT : Possible Roads SE of Ban Bac, Laos

REFERENCES : (1) ORR Requirement No. C-RR5-82,426  
(2) CIA/PID Project No. 30510-5

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1. This memorandum is in response to the above referenced requirement requesting: (1) a description of "Possible Military Supply/Way Stations" (PMS) read out on the IPIR of [REDACTED] (2) a plot of Route 92, (3) and a search for road construction or roads and trails connecting these two areas.

2. The "Possible Military Supply/Way Stations" consisting of eight villages interconnected by "heavy trail and road activity" located between geographic coordinates 15 27 00N - 107 12 45E to 15 27 30N - 107 18 00E to 15 31 00N - 107 17 30E to 15 30 20N - 107 14 30E appear to have no military significance. The huts are of typical primitive Laotian construction; however, the villages have a linear rather than circular configuration. The "security fences" reported in the IPIR appear to have solely an agricultural function. The roads, referred to in the report, are merely trails which had widened considerably in some places with extended use; but are not used by wheeled vehicles or considered to be truckable throughout.

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A plot of the portion of Route 92 observed on photography has been provided (CIA/PID/IB-P-475/65). The northern portion of this road was covered by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The southern end of Route 92

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was observed on [REDACTED]. At this time construction appeared complete to UTM coordinates XC 895432 (5 nm south of Ban Bac) with preliminary clearing and alignment activity to XC 887416. Between the northern and southern portions (XC 760893 and XC 892547) there is an area of no photographic

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coverage for a distance of 20 nm. The existence of a road connecting these points was reported on paragraph six of the Central Intelligence Information Cable [REDACTED] dated 23 March 1965. In addition, a short stretch of new road is under construction to the east of Ban Bac along the north bank of the Se Kong. Construction is at an advanced stage for the first 1.2 nm with probable clearing for another 1.5 nm.

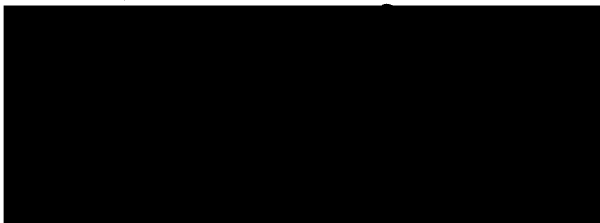
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A large portion of the area between Route 92 and the "FMS" was covered by [REDACTED] Analysis of this photography revealed only trails of local significance.

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3. The photo analyst assigned to this project was [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2547 should any questions arise concerning this requirement. Information contained in this study has been a coordinated effort with the Geo-Military Branch, PID. This memorandum and its enclosures are considered a complete answer to the aforementioned requirement. 25X1A

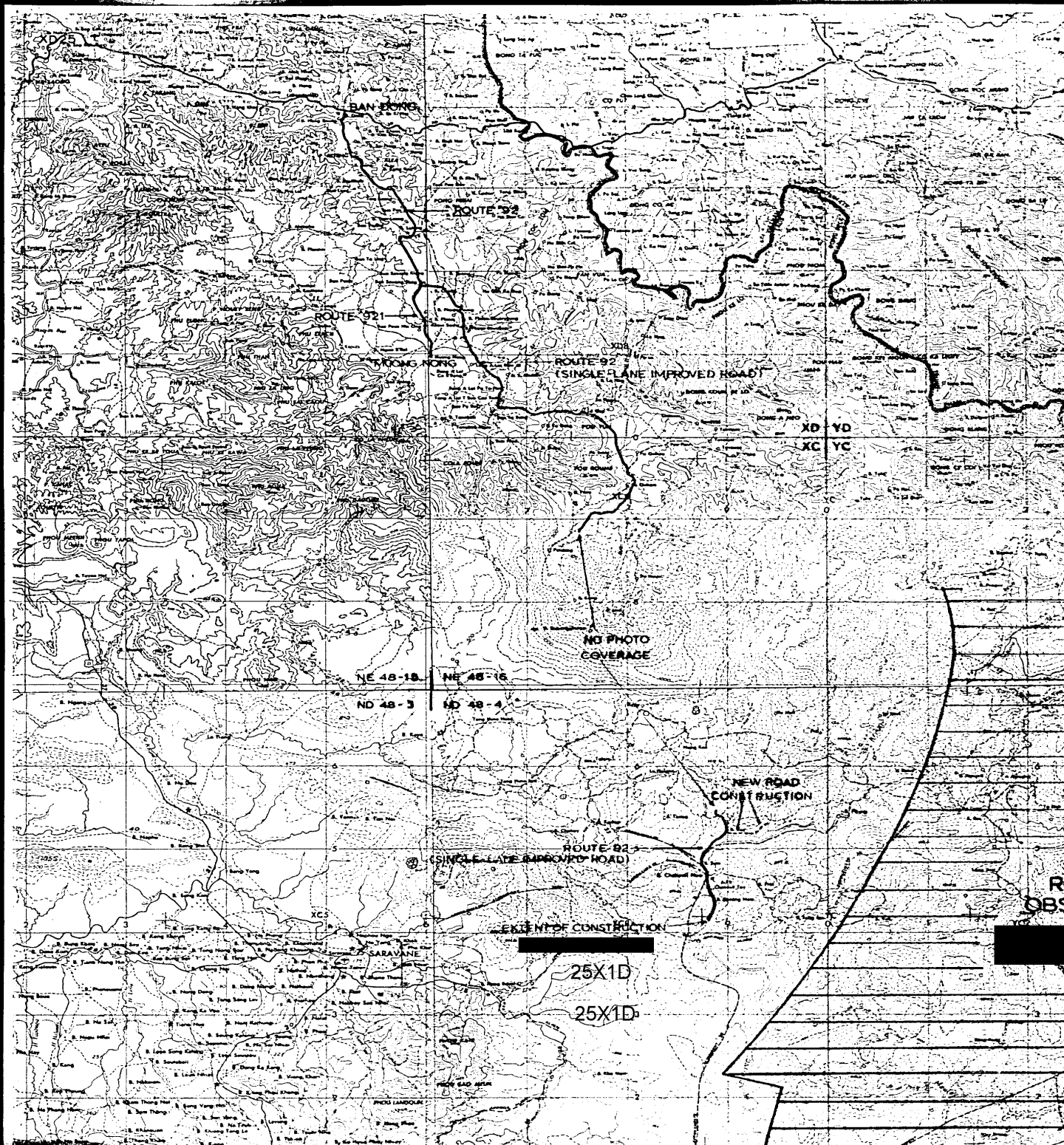
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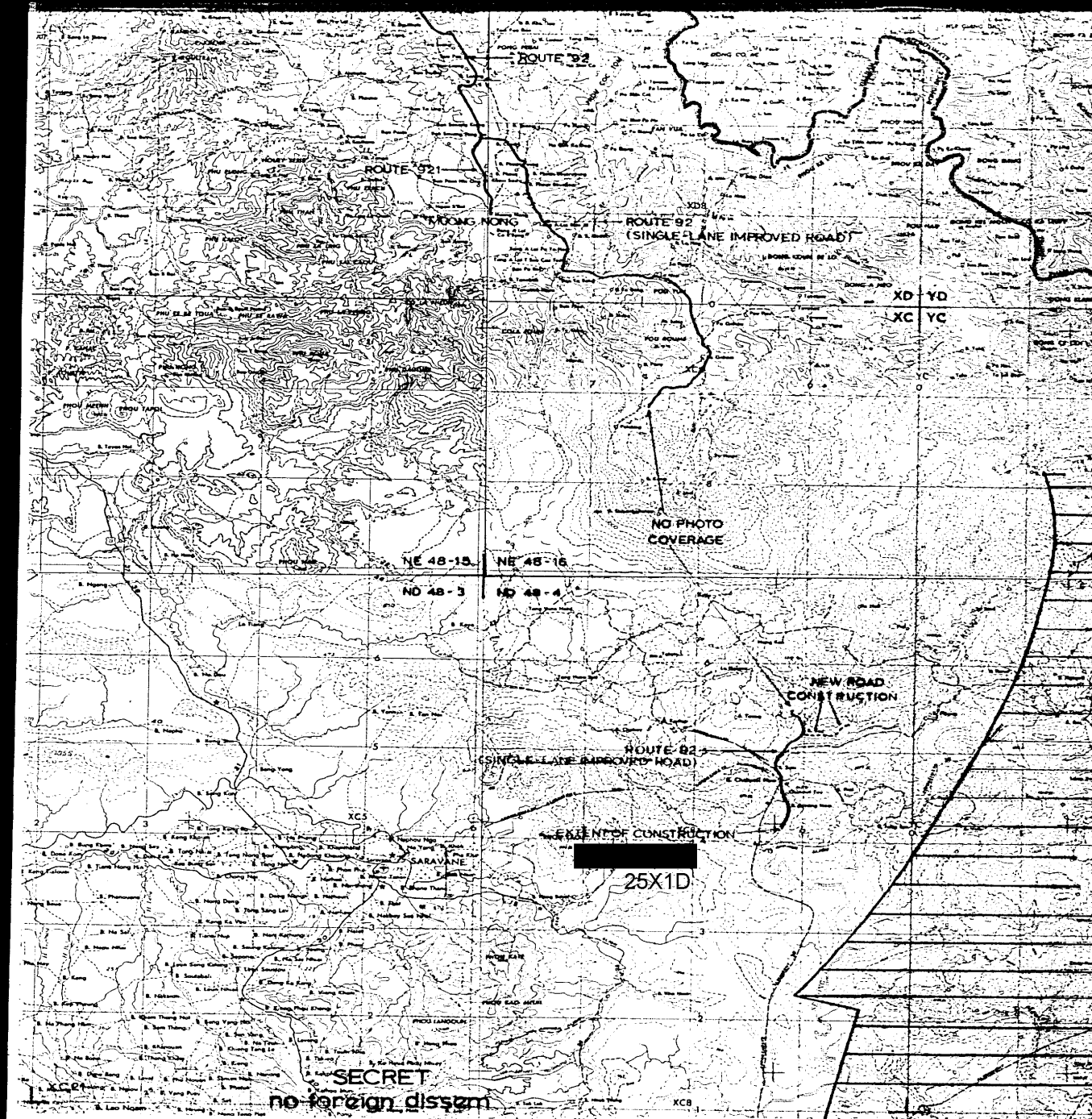


ENCLOSURES:

1 Map w/overlay  
(CIA/PID/IB-P-475/65)

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